

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 9 (Canceled)

10. (New) A front hood system of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a front hood ;

at least one encircling body part having at least one supporting point flexible in the vertical direction and on which the front hood is supported when closed said at least one supporting point including a linearly encircling supporting strip with a sealing strip situated between the supporting strip and the front hood, the front hood having, on its side facing the supporting strip, an absorption strip which encircles the front hood in a manner corresponding to the supporting strip and is designed to be brought to bear against the sealing strip.

11. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the front hood has, at least over a partial region of an outer edge, an outer region extending from the absorption strip to the outer edge, a clearance extending over the width of the outer region in the vertical direction to the supporting strip situated below.

12. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the supporting strip has a doubly bent, approximately Z-shaped cross section, with a free limb for receiving the sealing strip and a retaining limb secured on an adjacent one of said at least one body part, the free limb lying in the vertical direction below the retaining limb.

13. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the supporting strip is plastic.

14. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the absorption strip is coated with a sound-absorbing material on a side facing the sealing strip.

15. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sound-absorbing material is formed by a sound-absorbing mat fitted on the inside of the front bonnet and drawn around the absorption strip.

16. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the absorption strip has an approximately trapezoidal cross section, a narrow side of which is able to be brought to bear against the sealing strip.

17. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the absorption strip is formed from a rigid synthetic foam.

18. (New) The front bonnet system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the absorption strip is formed from a plastic hollow trough.
19. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the supporting strip is plastic.
20. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the supporting strip is plastic.
21. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the absorption strip is coated with a sound-absorbing material on a side facing the sealing strip.
22. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the absorption strip is coated with a sound-absorbing material on a side facing the sealing strip.
23. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the absorption strip is coated with a sound-absorbing material on a side facing the sealing strip.
24. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the absorption strip has an approximately trapezoidal cross section, a narrow side of which is able to be brought to bear against the sealing strip.

25. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the absorption strip has an approximately trapezoidal cross section, a narrow side of which is able to be brought to bear against the sealing strip.

26. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the absorption strip has an approximately trapezoidal cross section, a narrow side of which is able to be brought to bear against the sealing strip.

27. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the absorption strip is formed from a rigid synthetic foam.

28. (New) The front hood system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the absorption strip is formed from a rigid synthetic foam.

29. (New) The front bonnet system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the absorption strip is formed from a plastic hollow trough.